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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) portion of the budget received from sugar tax is levied towards health awareness and health services and (b) diseases are prioritised with the above-mentioned allocation from the sugar tax? **NW1536E**

**REPLY:**

1. During the 2022/2023 financial year 100% of the total allocation was assigned to health awareness and education on common risk factors as well as access to screening and linkage to care. However only 51.7% of the budget was spent due to lack of human resources. The Department plans to put out a call for proposals to NGOs in the health promotion and non-communicable diseases areas to scale up the health promotion and disease prevention activities.
2. The chronic disease prevention and health promotion levy (sugar tax) is presently allocated toward addressing non-communicable diseases including hypertension, diabetes, cancer, obesity, and mental health.

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